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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government enquired into the complaint and found that it was baseless."

House for the staff of the Highways Office, Cuddapah.

* 1236 Q.—SRI V. CHIDANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received recently a petition from the clerks of the Highways Office, Cuddapah, requesting sanction for the construction of houses for them under the rural housing scheme ; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken on it?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The petition has been sent to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies who is examining the question of organizing a rural housing society at Chemmuniahpeta."

Rural Welfare Officers.

* 1237 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) whether all the Rural Welfare Officers are selected by the Public Service Commission ; and

(b) if so, the qualifications required for such Officers?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Government Cinchona estates.

1238 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any Cinchona estates in the State under the State Government ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have enforced the Minimum Wages Act in these estates?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Government own extensive areas of cinchona plantations on the Anamalais in the Coimbatore district and on the Nilgiris.

" (b) Yes. The minimum rates of wages have been given effect to from 25th March 1952."

Answer to a question regarding properties requisitioned by the Government.

* 1239 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the reason why my starred question No. 29, calling for particulars of properties

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requisitioned and those which continued to be under requisition by the Government was not answered prior to the date of the passing of the Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Powers) Amendment Bill, 1953, by the Assembly?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Legislative Assembly question No. 29 is an unstarred question.

The particulars required to answer the question were called for from the Board of Revenue and the Collectors. As full particulars were not available, the question was not answered prior to the date of passing of the Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Power) Amendment Bill, 1953, by the Assembly."

Dam across Thummalavanka in Cuddapah district.

* 1240 Q.—SRI V. CHIDANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have a proposal to construct a dam across Thummalavanka near or north of Rakalakunta village in Siddhout taluk in Cuddapah district;

(b) if so, whether any representations have been made to the Government objecting to the same;

(c) if so, to what effect; and

(d) whether it is a fact that there is another proposal to bring the hill streams into the Rakalakunta tank by way of constructing an over channel at the same place across the abovesaid Thummalavanka?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

"(c) Does not arise.

"(d) The answer is in the negative."

Wells in Atmakur taluk, Nellore district.

* 1241 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how may labour wells there are in Atmakur taluk, Nellore district and for how many wells there are requests?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"One well was constructed in Pennabaddevolu village in 1951 and another well is under construction in Venkatareddipalli village. The Harijans of Anumasamudram requested for the provision of a well. As there is already a well in the Madiga cheri very near the Malapalli, the question of providing a separate well for the Malapalli was dropped."